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OR2015-15903

Dear Ms. Kostbar:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 574098 (HCAD Internal Reference No. 15-2372).

The Harris County Appraisal District (the "district") received a request for the vehicle identification numbers and descriptions for equipment listed in five specified accounts. You claim portions of the submitted information are excepted from disclosure under section 552.130 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

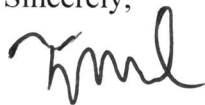
Section 552.130 of the Government Code provides information relating to a motor vehicle operator's or driver's license, motor vehicle title or registration, or personal identification document issued by an agency of this state or another state or country is excepted from public release. Gov't Code § 552.130(a). We note section 552.130 protects privacy interests. In this instance, the requestor may be the authorized representative of the owners of the vehicles to which the information you have marked pertains. If so, the requestor has a right of access to this information pursuant to section 552.023 of the Government Code. *See id.* § 552.023 ("person's authorized representative has a special right of access, beyond the right of the general public, to information held by a governmental body that relates to the person and that is protected from public disclosure by laws intended to protect that person's privacy interests"); Open Records Decision No. 481 at 4 (1987) (privacy theories not implicated when individual requests information concerning themselves). Accordingly, if the requestor

is the authorized representative of the owners of the vehicles at issue, then she has a right of access to the information you have marked pursuant to section 552.023, and this information may not be withheld from her under section 552.130. If the requestor is not the authorized representative of the owners of the vehicles at issue, then the district must withhold the information you have marked under section 552.130. As you raise no further exceptions to disclosure, the district must release the remaining information.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at [http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl\\_ruling\\_info.shtml](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml), or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Neal', with a stylized, cursive script.

Tim Neal  
Assistant Attorney General  
Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)